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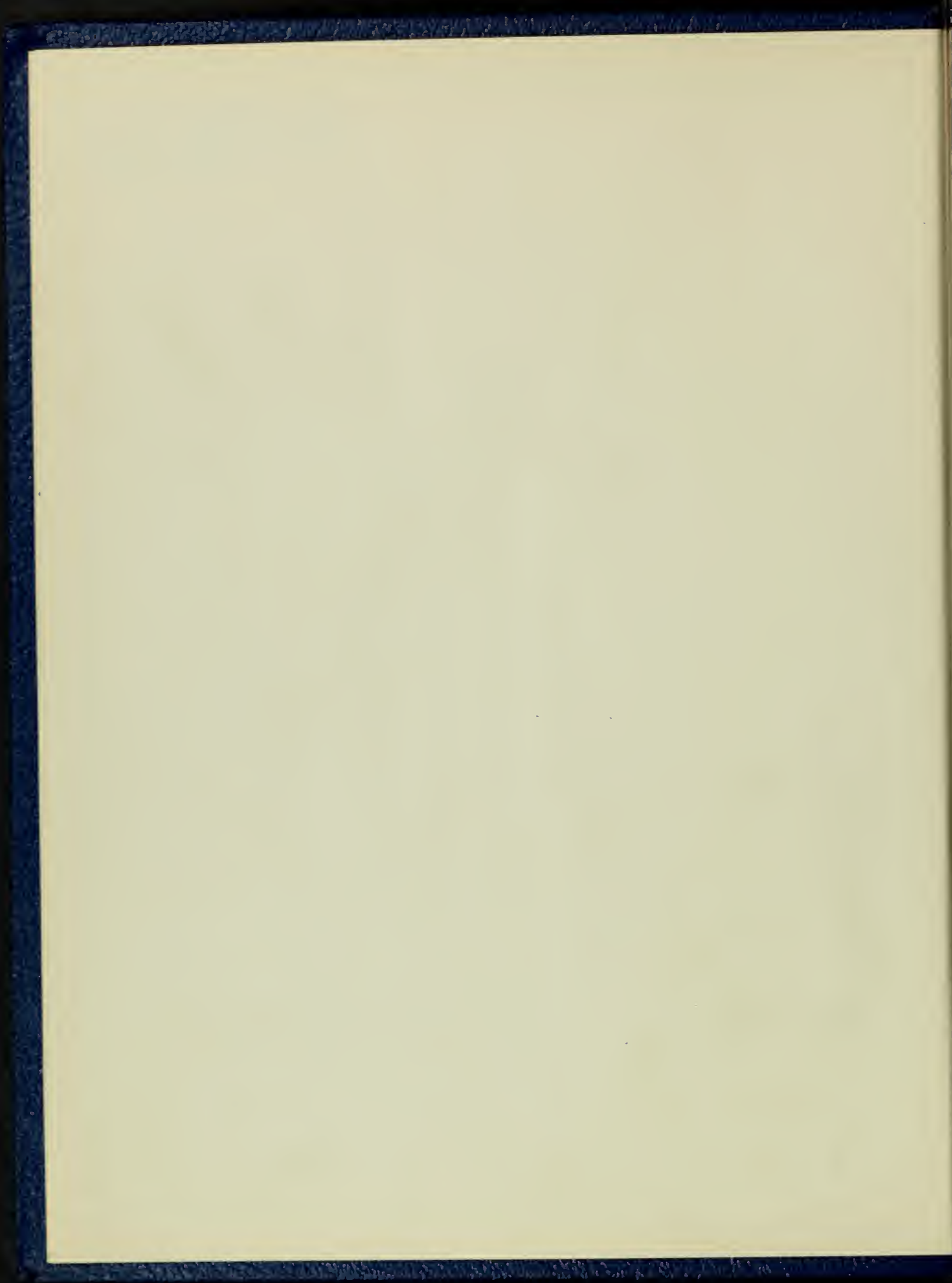


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DEDICATION

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TO

MR. THEODORE WILLIAMS, SR.

Adviser to the Class of 1949

This yearbook is affectionately dedicated



Mr. Theodore R. Williams

Mr. Williams, head of the Language Department and the Dramatic Director of Sheffield High School, came here in 1946 and was placed in charge of the seventh grade. He remained their faculty adviser until September 1948, when he was put in charge of the Senior Class.

We want to express our deepest gratitude for all he has done for not only our class, but for the entire high school, and at the same time extend our heartiest wishes for the best of everything in life.



P. K. R. AND YEARBOOK STAFF

TOP ROW: Anne Thomson, Alan Gould, Lovina Bradley, Santi Gulotta, Eleanor Holcomb, David Kirchner, Isabel Gilligan, Joe Rueger, Claire Warner, Harley Conklin, Priscilla Hall, James Lecakes, Lovina Straleau, David Ball, Anita Charbonneau.

CENTER ROW: Shirley Curtiss, Shirley Golden, Patricia Whalen, Janet Markham, John Somes, Editor-in-Chief, Elaine MacKenzie, Laurette Kirchner, Shirley MacKenzie, Roma Weser.

BOTTOM ROW: James Carter, Phyllis Armstrong, Robert Smith, Laura Malnati, Leonard Stewart, Kathryn Moesley, Verna West, Rona Sande.

EDITORIAL

With the approach of another graduation, parents and teachers again share the question of whether their young people are adequately prepared to assume the role of active citizens. The graduate's idea of democracy should include a thorough understanding of his responsibility as it concerns his community, his nation and himself.

We can probably judge the abilities of these young men and women as future citizens of our nation by their behavior as citizens of our school. I believe that the Class of 1949 is greatly endowed with ethical character. This has been well displayed in the individual's sense of personal responsibility and initiative, as well as through a spirit of service and loyalty to the school.

During my first year at Sheffield High School, I have relied heavily upon the assistance and co-operation of these young people. The response has always been most heartening. Their vigorous health, command of fundamental knowledge, avocational interests, combined with their loyal school citizenship should qualify them for complete and worthy living as members of our democratic nation.

The educational responsibilities of the home, church and school must always be faced on a partnership basis if we are to continue to graduate well qualified citizens from our schools.

From what I have seen of the members of the Class of 1949, I feel certain they will find contentment and happiness, as well as serve useful and active lives.

Howard, V. Hennigar
Principal

CLASS DATA

President	James G. Lecakes
Vice-President	Janet M. Markham
Secretary-Treasurer	Shirley B. Curtiss
Representative	Harley J. Conklin
Class Colors	Blue and Gray
Class Flower	Yellow Rose
Class Motto	"Venimus, vidimus, vicimus."
Class Song	Far Away Places



FACULTY

THE FACULTY

HOWARD V. HENNIGAR, B.S., Northeastern University
Principal, Mathematics and Science

THEODORE R. WILLIAMS, B.A., Williams College--Vice-Principal,
English and Languages

JOHN R. McCANN, A.B.A., Nichols Junior College; B.S. in Education,
Boston University--Social Studies

RICHARD MATHER, A.B., Defiance College
Social Studies

HAZEL K. LEAFGREEN, Bay Path--Commercial

RITA M. HANNIGAN, B.A., Our Lady of Elms--Senior--Junior High

GLADYS M. RORABACK, State Teachers College, North Adams--Junior
High

HELEN H. ARMSTRONG, Teachers College, New Britain--Sixth Grade

MARY K. MORRISON, State Teachers College, Hyannis--Fifth Grade

JESSIE B. ARMSTRONG, State Teachers College, North Adams--Fourth
Grade

ESTHER M. MERRITT, Castine Normal School, Castine, Maine--Third
Grade

ZELIE M. SPAULDING, B.A., Austin College--Second Grade

MINA E. BREWER, State Teachers College, Hyannis--First Grade

ELSBET WAYNE, B.S., New York University--Music Supervisor



FACULTY AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

BACK ROW: Mina Brewer, Richard Mather, Esther Merritt, Elbert Cane, Elsbet Wayne, John
Somes, Mildred Smith, Theodore Williams, Gladys Roraback, Marion Moesley.
FRONT ROW: Helen Armstrong, Zelle Spaulding, Rita Hannigan, Howard Hennigar, Mary
Morrison, Jessie Armstrong, Mary Wallace.

CLASS OFFICERS

Senior

President, James Lecakes Secretary-Treas., Shirley Curtiss
Vice-President, Janet Markham Representative, Harley Conklin
Adviser, Mr. Williams

Junior

President, Kathryn Moesley Secretary-Treas., Alan Gould
Vice-President, Lovina Bradley Representative, David Ball
Adviser, Mrs. Roraback

Sophomore

President, Thomas Bartlett Secretary-Treas., Rose Zamperini
Vice-President, Robert Smith Representative, John Bachetti
Adviser, Mr. Hennigar

Freshman

President, Rona Sande Secretary-Treas., Roger Charbonneau
Vice-President, George Bagnaschi
Adviser, Miss Hannigan

8th Grade

President, Phyllis Bradley Secretary-Treas., Betty Stevens
Vice-President, Ann Hurlburt Representative, Leslie Gibbs
Adviser, Mr. Mather

7th Grade

President, Frank Smith Secretary-Treas., James Welch
Vice-Pres., Wendell Bartholomew Representative, Horace Tatsapaugh
Adviser, Mrs. Leafgreen

Bus Representatives

Lime Kiln, Leonard Stewart Ashley Falls, Joe Rueger
Brush Hill, Janet Markham Under Mountain, David Kirchner
Sheffield Center, James Lecakes



SENIORS



ELAINE H. MacKENZIE

"Lainie"

"A maid of grace and complete dignity."

Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Office	1, 4
Cheerleader	3, 4
Basketball	3
Glee Club	2
Prom Committees	3, 4
P.K.R. Staff	2, 3, 4
Class History	4
Yearbook Staff	4
Senior Play Staff	4

SANTI J. GULOTTA

"Bubbles"

"He trudged along, unknowing what he sought, and whistled as he went, for want of thought."

P.K.R.	2, 3, 4
Student Council	4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Traffic Monitor	2, 3, 4
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Senior Play	4
P.T.A. English Award	3
Basketball	2, 3, 4
Baseball	1, 2, 3, 4



E. PRISCILLA HALL

"Pris"

"Her face was fair, her stature tall."

Class Prophecy	4
Glee Club	2, 3, 4
Band	2, 3, 4
Orchestra	2, 3
Senior Play	3, 4
Cheerleading	3, 4
P. K. R. Staff	1, 2, 3, 4
Lunchroom	1, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4

JANET M. MARKHAM

"Jan" "Mark"

"Always ready with a smile, quick to do a thing worthwhile."

Glee Club	1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Salutatorian	4
Class History	4
P.K.R. Staff	2, 3, 4
Bus Representative	2, 4
Student Council	1, 2, 4
Class Sec. and Treas.	1, 2
Vice-President	4
Student Council Sec. and Treas.	4
Cheerleading	2, 3
Senior Play	4
Co-Editor in Chief of P.K.R.	4



JAMES G. LECAKES

"Jimmy"

"Life is a jest and all things show it;
I thought so once, but now I know it."

P.K.R.	1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council	1, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Traffic Monitor	1, 2, 3, 4
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Senior Play	1, 4
P. T. A. English Award	2
Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	2

SHIRLEY B. CURTISS

"Shirl" "Curt"

"Happy art thou, as if every day
thou hadst picked up a horseshoe."

Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader	1, 2, 3
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook Staff	2, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
P.K.R. Staff	3, 4
Class Gifts	4
Class Sec. and Treas.	4
Senior Play	4
Lunch Room	2, 4
Girls' Softball	3





A. LEONARD STEWART

"Lenny"

"Of such fastidious taste, he never found the best too good"

Searles High School	1, 2
Lee and Sheffield High Schools	3
Sheffield High School	4
Senior Play	4
Class Committees	3, 4
P.K.R. Staff	4
Student Council	4
Basketball	4
Baseball	4
Traffic Monitor	4
Prom Committees	3, 4

SHIRLEY M. GOLDEN

"Shirl"

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."

Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club	1, 3
Girls' Softball	2
Lunch Home	2, 4
P.K.R. Staff	4
Class Statistics	4
Senior Play Staff	4
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Yearbook Staff	4

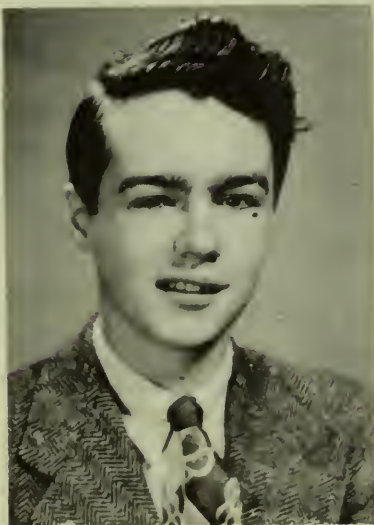


JAMES A. CARTER

"Jimmy" "Jocko"

"Whistle and she will come to you."

Basketball	1, 2, 3
Band	2, 3, 4
Orchestra	2, 3, 4
Class Sec. and Treas.	3
P.K.R. Staff	2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Traffic Monitor	2, 4
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Class Will	4



JOSEPH J. RUEGER
"Joe"

"When he's good, he's very, very good, but when he's bad, he's horrid."

1942-1944 Andrew Jackson
Three years United States Navy
1948-1949 Sheffield High School
Baseball 3, 4
Basketball 4
Student Council 4
Bus Representative 4
Senior Play 4
P.K.R. Staff 4



CLAIRE WARNER
"Claire"

"Never a dull moment"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
P.T.A. English Award 1
Senior Play 2, 3, 4
P.K.R. Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Office Duty 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Prophecy 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4

HARLEY J. CONKLIN
"Hi" "Amos"

"Good cheer is no hindrance to good life."

Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
P.K.R. Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Senior Play 3, 4
Graduation Marshall 3
Student Council 3, 4
Class President 3





DAVID F. KIRCHNER
"Dave"

"Youth is full of sport."

Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
Senior Play	1, 2, 3, 4
P.K.R. Staff	1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Traffic Monitor	3, 4
Student Council	1, 2, 3, 4
Class President	1, 2



ISABEL A. GILLIGAN
"Izzy"

"Look now, I am most concerned in my own interests."

Glee Club	1
Cheerleader	1
Class Committees	1, 2, 3, 4
P.K.R. Staff	2, 4
Office	2, 3
Prom Committee	3, 4
Faculty	4



ELEANOR L. HOLCOMB
"Eleanor"

"Make haste slowly"

New Marlboro High	2
Class Committees	1, 3, 4
Prom Committees	3, 4
Glee Club	4
Senior Play Staff	4
Class Gifts	4
Basketball	3, 4



JOHN D. SOMES
"John"

"Whence is thy learning? Hath thy toil

O'er books consumed the midnight oil?"	
P.K.R. Staff	4
Vice-President	3
Basketball	2, 3
Valedictorian	4
Senior Play Staff	4

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

Welcome	James G. Lecakes, President
Rally	Glee Club
Class History	Janet Markham, Elaine MacKenzie
Song - Small Town Band	Glee Club
Class Will	James Carter, John Somes
Selection	Band
Statistics	Shirley Golden, Leonard Stewart
Song - The Strawberry Blonde	Glee Club
Class Prophecy	Claire Warner, Priscilla Hall
Song - Far Away Places	Everyone
Senior Celebrities	James Lecakes
Class Gifts	Shirley Curtiss, Eleanor Holcomb
Song - "Alma Mater" (Audience standing)	Everyone

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mr. Superintendent, members of the School Committee, Faculty, my Classmates and Friends.

In behalf of the Senior Class, I welcome you to our Class Day Exercises.

To the Superintendent and Principal, we offer our thanks for all you have done in our behalf.

To the members of the School Committee, we wish to express our deepest appreciation for the excellent education you have provided for us.

To the Faculty goes our most hearty thanks for the aid and encouragement which you have given us during these past four years. To all of you we are truly grateful.

And a word to the Juniors, who next year will take our places as Seniors, we leave with you the honor of keeping alive the tradition of our school, and of carrying on the fine work that has been started here and we know that both of these trusts are safe in your hands.

In closing we hope that you who are present here this evening may enjoy the program which we have prepared in observance of our Class Day.

James G. Lecakes
Senior Class President

CLASS HISTORY

Twenty-four little people started out on the bottom of the big team of Sheffield High School as Freshmen. Mr. Hartley was their coach and Rodney B. Card was their manager. During the first quarter their able teaching, plus the further guidance of Mrs. Shook, Mr. Spriggs, and Mrs. Leafgreen, enabled the following to progress to the second quarter of the game as Sophomores: Walter Hewins, George Ball, David Kirchner, James Lecakes, John Somes, Fred Van Alstyne, Robert Ball, Douglas Dean, Robert Radocchio, Shirley Curtiss, Isabel Gilligan, Shirley Golden, Priscilla Hall, Elaine MacKenzie, Janet Markham, Mildred Martin, Pauline Mintz, Claire Warner, and Eleanor Holcomb. Steve Delmolino and Arthur Brazee didn't attend practices, became discouraged, and had left the game early in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Mr. Card left them and Miss Mary Larkin took over their management. Also the guidance of Mrs. Shook was replaced by Mr. Theodore Williams, who became a capable referee.

They lost three good players when George Ball, Douglas Dean, and Robert Ball failed to report for practice at the beginning of the second quarter. During this quarter the group's knowledge continued to increase. Great was their sorrow when during this period Pauline Mintz and Mildred Martin lost interest in the game and departed from S.H.S.'s team. This left only seventeen, of whom all would be Juniors when they reported after the half.

When the first practice of the third quarter commenced, we found Mr. Bruce Martin had taken over Mr. Spriggs place. Fred Van Alstyne had moved and gone to play on Regional High School's team. The team of only sixteen now, played on to learn better the arts of pivoting, shooting, passing, etc. Here Walter Hewins left them for what he considered a better floor for him. A referee's time out was called and John R. McCann stepped in to replace Mr. Bruce Martin. Fred Van Alstyne rejoined them, but soon left the game again after a short time. Later on in the third quarter, upon the arrival of Joseph Rueger, former Navy boy, and Leonard Stewart, who moved to Sheffield from Lee, the team gained two new players. Everyone regretted deeply when, during the last minute of play of the third quarter, Robert Radocchio (better known to all as "Puppy") left their team, and later joined the greater team of Uncle Sam's Army. Now there were only sixteen, and these happy and proud players were promoted to first team as Seniors upon the beginning of the fourth quarter.

As the players returned to the floor to play this last quarter, they learned that Coach William Hartley, whom they loved so well, had had to leave them, and that Howard V. Hennigar had taken his place. Mr. Hennigar soon proved to the team, however, that he was an able and progressive coach. Miss Rita Hannigan replaced Mary Larken, but Referee Mr. Williams changed over to manager of the team.

The last quarter began and the team managed to keep their score well ahead. Just before the automatic time out, Mr. Richard Mather came out on the floor to replace Referee John McCann.

There are only a few seconds of the last quarter left now, and we, James Lecakes, Santi Gulotta, John Somes, Leonard Stewart, James Carter, Joseph Rueger, Harley Conklin, Dave Kirchner, Elaine MacKenzie, Isabel Gilligan, Shirley Golden, Eleanor Holcomb, Janet Markham, Claire Warner, Shirley Curtiss, and Priscilla Hall, though we have worked hard to attain our goal, will somehow regret the ringing of the bell to end the game--though we have won! For then we will have to leave the confusion of this game for the greater confusion of the world today, where we will no longer have a coach or referee, but only the principles taught by them and our conscience as our guide.

At the end of this game the team of 1945-1949 will have a score of sixteen, which will be added to the previous scores in the History of Sheffield High School, as Alumni.

CLASS WILL

Preamble

We, the members of the Class of 1949 of Sheffield High School, being of unsound mind, in a state of complete insanity and ignorance, and having absolutely no brains whatsoever, do hereby declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

Section I

Article 1. We hereby will to the Class of 1950, our legal heirs and successors, and to their heirs and successors forever; the privilege of having Room 4 as a home room, the right and honor of having class meetings whenever and wherever they please, and the privilege of assuming all debts which we do not have the wherewithal and means to pay (which includes practically all of them).

Article 2. We will and bequeath to the members of the Class of 1951, soon to be Juniors, the right and privilege of being kicked out of Music Depreciation Class again, and again, and again.

Article 3. To each and every member of the Class of 1952, we bequeath the right to lay aside his childish manners and assume the doubtful title of Sophomore in the true meaning of that designation.

Article 4. We will and bequeath to the Seventh Grade and to their heirs and successors forever our remarkable ability to remain quiet in any and all study halls.

Section II

Article 1. We will and bequeath to future Chemistry Classes the right and honor of making hydrogen sulfide and other obnoxious gases whenever they please.

Article 2. We extend to next year's Music Depreciation Class and to their heirs and successors forever our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Article 3. We will and bequeath to the Latin II Class the right to flunk any and all tests and still get by.

Section III

Article 1. We will and bequeath to Mrs. Wayne a modern atomic device that will quickly and completely exterminate all unwanted students in any of her Music Classes.

Article 2. To Mr. Williams we will and bequeath a magic elixir which will arouse in all students a great love for the study of English Grammar.

Article 3. To Mr. Hennigar we will and bequeath a bouncer that will serve to keep his classes in order while he is out on other business.

Article 4. We will and bequeath to Mr. Cane an automatic stop light so that on cold winter mornings he may guide the students to and from school without leaving the comfort of the boiler room.

Article 5. To all future Hall Monitors we will the right to leave any class at any time whatever, under the supposition that they are going on hall duty.

Article 6. We will and bequeath to Miss Hannigan an invisible birch switch to aid her in keeping order in her 7th grade home room.

Section IV

Article 1. Santi Gulotta wills and bequeaths to John (Scoopy) Whalen his gift of gab, so that he may talk his way out of anything. Make good use of this, Scoopy.

Article 2. James Carter wills and bequeaths his right to date any and all girls in Sheffield (or the United States) to Lewis Rote. Don't let down his reputation, Lewie.

Article 3. Shirley Curtiss wills and bequeaths her sense of humor (including giggle) to Nancy Gilligan.

Article 4. John Somes wills and bequeaths the custody of his girl friends in the Freshman Class to Jerry Nott. We hope the job won't be too big for you, Jerry.

Article 5. Harley Conklin wills and bequeaths his mechanical ability to John Bacchetti so that he may follow in his brother's footsteps.

Article 6. Priscilla Hall wills and bequeaths her right to flirt with anything in long pants to Jean Sidelinger, keep up her good show of taste, Jean.

Article 7. Isabel Gilligan wills and bequeaths her ability to stay out until the wee hours every night to Margaret Maloney. (We are sure that Margaret will appreciate this.)

Article 8. Leonard Stewart wills to Russell Upton and David Ball the use of his motorcycle so that they may give local girls rides.

Article 9. Joe Rueger wills and bequeaths his tremendous appetite to Robert Smith so that when he goes on dates he won't have to wear Elevator Shoes.

Article 10. Shirley Golden wills and bequeaths to Cornelia Crosler the ability to refrain from sudden outbursts in any and all matters. (Well, we can dream, can't we?)

Article 11. Elaine MacKenzie wills and bequeaths her sophisticated walk and talk to any Freshman girl that may have designs on a Senior.

Article 12. Eleanor Holcomb wills and bequeaths her Ipana smile and general good humor to any girl on the basketball team who may happen to feel, during the course of a game, that the referee should drop dead.

Article 13. Claire Warner wills her boisterous voice to Nancy Cartenelli, so that we may all hear her while she is reciting her lessons.

Article 14. Janet Markham wills and bequeaths her ability to oppose and disagree with any matter favored by the rest of the class to her sister Ann.

Article 15. James Lecakes bequeaths his unusual ability to get good marks at school, work afterwards, and still have time to go out with any girl within one hundred miles of Sheffield to Austin Somes.

Article 16. David Kirchner wills and bequeaths his remarkable abilities as a basketball player (including the ability of making five fouls within the first half) to Ranny Bartholomew. We hope you will help the team win lots of games, Ranny.

Section V

We, the inmates of the Class of 1949, on this, the 8th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and forty-nine, do hereby affix our hand and seal to this so-called document, and declare it to be our Last Will and Testament.

Claire "Drop Dead" Warner
Jimmy "Doogy-Ding" Lecakes
Santi "Chibola" Gulotta
Jimmy "Hi ya babe" Carter
Elaine "Pardon me for breathing" MacKenzie
Joe "When do we eat" Rueger
Harley "My boy!" Conklin
Janet "I don't mean that!" Markham
Dave "I wouldn't say that" Kirchner
Lenny "I remimber nawthin'" Stewart
Priscilla "You know what I mean" Hall
Shirley "Drat it" Golden
Shirley "Oh go on" Curtiss
John "Why don't you" Somes
Isabel "Got a cough drop?" Gilligan
Eleanor "Quit it" Holcomb

STATISTICS

Nineteen hundred and forty-nine sees a class of sixteen leave the shelter of Sheffield High. And as we, the Class of 1949, enter into this vast world, we have hope of accomplishing the ambition each one of us has chosen. In the following we shall state the achievements which each of us hope to accomplish.

Priscilla Hall -- "Priscilla" our class flirt, is going to continue her studies in the commercial field. There won't be any boys at Berkshire Business School, Pris.

Shirley Curtiss -- "Shirley" our class baby, will be found behind the counter of McLellan's Store. That is until Dave comes home.

Eleanor Holcomb -- "Eleanor" is a chambermaid right now. But we wonder for how long. A certain guy may have another idea.

Isabel Gilligan -- "Isabel" is the artist of our class, so if you ever want your portrait painted just call on Isabel.

Janet Markham -- "Janet" plans to be a nurse. She has not decided as yet where she will train.

Elaine MacKenzie -- "Elaine" doesn't know what she wants to be. But wherever you are, whatever you're doing, we know you'll succeed.

Claire Warner -- "Claire" decided on teaching for her ambition. She will continue her studying at State Teachers College in North Adams. Good luck, Claire.

Shirley Golden -- "Shirley" hasn't decided on any particular ambition as of yet. Whatever you decide on Shirley, we wish you luck.

James Lecakes -- "Jimmie" is a mechanic for Ford's Garage. But soon we think Jimmie will be working for Uncle Sam.

Santi Gulotta -- "Santi" a pharmacist we thought he'd be. But now we think he might be a sailor to sail the sea.

Leonard Stewart -- "Lenie" hasn't been with us long. He came to our class as a Junior. But during the short time he's been here Lenie has been a real member of our class. He claims his ambition is to retire.

John Somes -- "John" we can't say, 'The Baptist', but we can say, 'The Scientist.' John plans to be a scientist, with your ambition and brains we know you'll succeed.

Harley Conklin -- "Harley" is another one of our after school mechanics. If he doesn't go in the Army, he intends to go to college.

James Carter -- "Jimmy" our class Cassanova, has been thinking of joining the Coast Guard Academy. Should any of us get shipwrecked, we may have a chance of being rescued by Jim.

Joseph Rueger -- "Joe" our class heartbreaker, came back from the service to get his high school diploma. He plans to work for the Telephone Company if he doesn't go back in the service.

David Kirchner -- "Dave" we wonder if your love for horses will lead you to the race tracks. If not, whatever your ambition, we wish you luck.

You now have heard of our future hopes. Time will tell whether or not we are capable of carrying out these ambitions.

CLASS PROPHECY

Time: May, 1959.

Place: Sheffield High Auditorium.

Setting: A Junior-Senior Prom.

We enter the auditorium and find it decorated much as it has been in earlier years. The card tables and lamps line each side. A smooth orchestra is playing the latest song hits. On the music stands and bass drum are the letters J.A.C. Could it be.....Hardly--but yes! It's our old classmate, Jimmy Carter, leading his eight piece band with that famous trumpet under one arm.

As we stand under the arch of flowers by the door, a couple rushes up to greet us. Another of our classmates, Eleanor Holcomb and her husband Clancy Stoopnagle. Eleanor was married shortly after she graduated and has been busy raising carrots and other little items.

We ask Eleanor if she has heard from any other members of our class since graduation. She tells us that Shirley Golden is a secretary for an editor of Esquire Magazine. We learn also, that Shirley Curtiss married about three years after she left school. She had worked in McClellan's up until that time. She now has enough in the nursery to keep her busy.

We walk along by the tables and see the former president of our class, James Lecakes. "Jim" tells us that he took over Ford's Garage when the original owner retired.

The hostess approaches to take us to our tables and we are dumbfounded to find that it is Elaine MacKenzie keeping in character with her hostess work at Jug End Barn. We learn from Elaine that Janet Markham married and is living in parts slightly south of Cannan.

We sit at a table with none other than John Somes and his fiancée. John tells us that he is on a much needed "vacation" from his chemist's work in Washington, D.C. due to a slight "blow-up" in the south end of the White House.

From outside we hear a rumbling and rattling which could easily be that of a Model A that we knew in high school, although such a thing is hardly possible. A few minutes later the door is flung open and in strides four people, the owner of the car, Harley Conklin, and his partner in business, Lenny Stewart, with their wives. Our curiosity gets the better of us so we ask Harley if his Model A is still really running. "Yes;" he answers with that famous grin, "better than ever". He tells us that he and Lenny are in a used car and motorcycle business.

We see at the table on our left none other than Isabel Gilligan, now a famous model and fashion designer in New York. Her gown is one of her own creations.

Again the door opens and another late arrival enters. It is Santi Gulotta, looking very suave and debonaire and of course, Mrs. Gulotta, a former waitress in Phair's Drug Store. Santi has gone into accounting and is the business manager at Phair's.

Another late arrival is Joe Rueger, whom we learned is fulfilling his ambition to be a telephone lineman. We hear that he is lining on Brush Hill (we gather his wife wants to be near her old home.)

Dave Kirchner followed Joe in but we expected him as he and his wife have attended about every school function since they were married. Dave runs a dairy farm these days on the undermountain road, so is very handy to school.

"And Claire you've been teaching in grade schools since you graduated from North Adams."

"After you left Berkshire Business, Priscilla, you worked as a secretary to J. B. Corn, didn't you?"

"Yes", and isn't it funny how you can catch up on all your old classmates in just one evening and have such fun.

CLASS GIFTS

To Isabel, the artist of our class
We give to her this little doll,
So when the Seniors she'll not see
This doll will be her model.

To Cassanova Carter,
This address book we give,
So his old flames
In it will live.

To Shirley Golden who is always sincere
From January to December,
We give to her this memory book
So her classmates she will remember.

To Harley, who is our class chauffeur
Who is willing to drive us near or far,
For all his trouble through high school years
We give to him, this brand new car.

We would like Priscilla to have
This pencil and a steno pad,
To use at Berkshire Business School
We know these things she'll have to have.

To Santi, we give this pocket microphone
So he will have it with him,
So when he feels a speech coming on
Everyone will be sure to hear him.

To Elaine, we give this little tray
To wait on tables, as she may,
At Jug End Barn when school is through
'Til she can think of something better to do.

To Dave, our boy athlete
Who isn't very easily beat,
We give this little basketball
So he may win over all.

To Janet, who will succeed
In anything she does,
We would like her to have this friendship band
For she is always willing to lend a helping hand.

To Jim Lecakes, our class president
Who has never let us down,
A leader to us always
We give to him this crown.

Claire, a schoolteacher plans to be
So we give to her this ruler
So her students she may keep on the run
But of course, you know, it's all in fun.

To Joe, we give this telephone
For in the future he plans to be,
In the telephone business, where he may keep
An eye on someone who is mighty sweet.

John, a scientist plans to be
When he is out of school,
For this he'll need lots of equipment
This test tube will be his first tool.

To Lenny, we give this shovel and rake
So a good caretaker he will make,
For Oaklawn Inn he plans to go
To rake the lawns and shovel snow.

A belt, a book, or something green
Not anything we had seen
Could we think appropriate to give Eleanor
But at last we bought a little calendar.

To Shirley Curtiss, we give a soldier brave
To keep her well reminded of Dave,
This one's of lead or maybe it is tin
Loving a soldier is surely no sin.

CLASS CELEBRITIES

Best looking boy - James Lecakes
Best looking girl - Isabel Gilligan
Best dancer, boy - Santi Gulotta
Best dancer, girl - Janet Markham
Most likely to succeed, boy - John Somes
Most likely to succeed, girl - Janet Markham
Class wolf - James Carter
Class wolfess - Priscilla Hall
Best athlete, boy - James Lecakes
Best athlete, girl - Shirley Curtiss
Best actor - Harley Conklin
Best actress - Claire Warner
Neatest boy - Leonard Stewart
Neatest girl - Isabel Gilligan
Friendliest boy - Joseph Rueger
Friendliest girl - Janet Markham
Tallest boy - Santi Gulotta
Tallest girl - Priscilla Hall
Shortest boy - James Carter
Shortest girl - Shirley Curtiss
Class giggler - Shirley Curtiss
Most practical - Dave Kirchner
Wittiest Senior - Harley Conklin
Most independent - Isabel Gilligan
Heartbreaker - Joseph Rueger
Most sincere - Elaine MacKenzie
Class pest - Leonard Stewart
Chow hound - Joseph Rueger
Class baby - Shirley Curtiss
Quietest - Shirley Golden
Noisiest - Claire Warner
Done most for the class - Harley Conklin
Done the class for the most - Isabel Gilligan
Class optimist - David Kirchner
Class pessimist - Janet Markham
Class sleeper - James Carter
Class bluffer - Santi Gulotta

Favorite sport - Basketball
Favorite song - Far Away Places
Class flower - Yellow rose



UNDERGRADS



JUNIOR CLASS

TOP ROW: Nancy Cartinelli, Donald Orcutt, Laurette Kirchner, Lewis Rote, Jean Sidelinger, Russell Upton, Cornelia Groslear, Adviser Gladys Roraback.
CENTER ROW: Laura Straleau, David Ball, Lovina Bradley, President Kathryn Moesley, Alan Gould, Patricia Whalen, Anita Charbonneau.
BOTTOM ROW: Agnes Hewins, Frank Franklin, Roma Weser, Margaret Maloney, absent.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

BACK ROW: John Whalen, Helen Pixley, Austin Somes, Claire Pezzatti, Barker Buckingham, Caroline Golden, Ransler Bartholomew, Audrey Agar, Eugene Kirchner, Minnie Johnson.
CENTER ROW: Ilamay Peterson, John Bachetti, Robert Smith, Thomas Bartlett, Rose Zamperini, Jennie Johnson, Adviser Howard Hennigar.
FRONT ROW: Robert Curtiss, Anna Pezze, Charlotte Eichstedt, Mary Zucco.



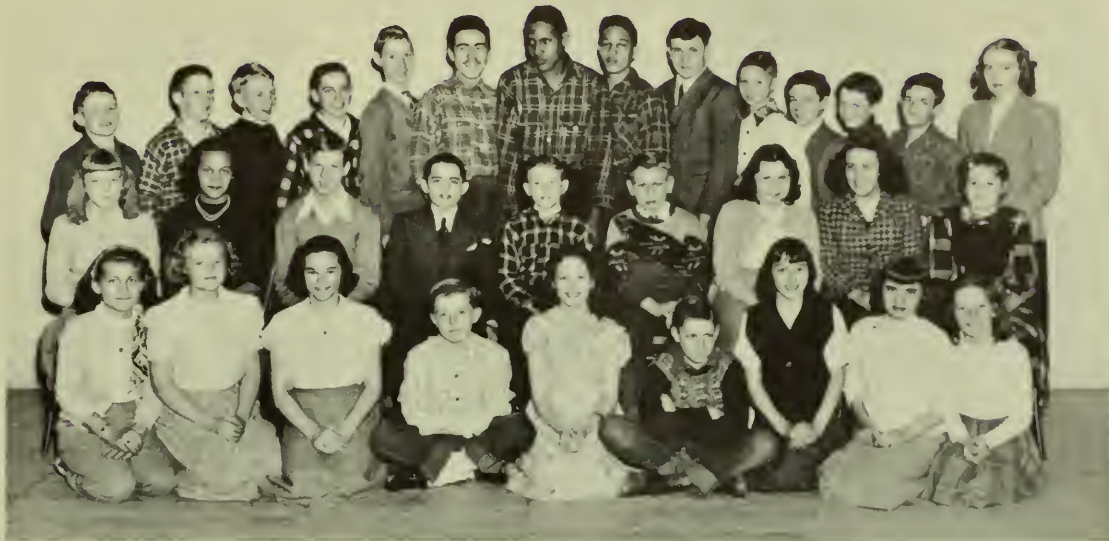
FRESHMEN

BACK ROW: Barbara Woodbeck, Ann Nott, Nancy Gilligan, Shirley MacKenzie, Ann Markham, Richard Boardman, Charlotte Holcomb, Marie Rueger, Leona Markham, Adviser Rita Hannigan.
 CENTER ROW: Frank Bachetti, George Bagnaschi, Rona Sande, Roger Charbonneau, Ann Thomson.
 FRONT ROW: Verna West, Richard Gibbs.



EIGHTH GRADE

BACK ROW: Kathleen Curtiss, Kathleen Nott, Donald Holcomb, Arthur Hewins, John Cook, Herbert Eishstedt, Peter Ohler, Shears Boardman, Thomas Armstrong, Bradley Stewart, Phyllis Armstrong, Rubena Young.
 CENTER ROW: Ann Macy, June Pixley, Leslie Gibbs, Ann Hurlburt, Phyllis Bradley, Betty Stevens, Carole Gilligan, Bertha Ball, Adviser Richard Mather.
 FRONT ROW: Loretta Castell, Lois Winters, Jane Franklin, Helen Curtiss.



SEVENTH GRADE

BACK ROW: Oliver Curtiss, John Martin, Donald Percy, Dennis Mintz, Arnold Bentley, Jerome Kirchner, William Rice, Robert Golden, Richard LeGeyt, Charles Cane, Francis Zucco, Kenneth Coons, Leno Bernoi, Adviser Rita Hannigan.
 CENTER ROW: Sarah Woodbeck, JoAnn Golden, Horace Tatsapaugh, Wendell Bartholomew, Frank Smith, James Welsh, Alice Straleau, Dora Warren, Margaret Preiss.
 FRONT ROW: Carol Ann Olsen, Barbara Huggins, Laura Malnati, Wesley Peterson, Joyce Buckingham, Donald Bentley, Lois Mintz, Jo Ann Clark, Ann Curtiss.



JUNIOR JAY VEE'S BASKETBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Roger Charbonneau, Peter Ohler, Arnold Bentley, John Cook, Donald Holcomb, Coach Richard Mather.
 FRONT ROW: Wesley Peterson, Richard Gibbs, Donald Bentley, Oliver Curtiss.



ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL

BACK ROW: Leonard Stewart, Frank Bachetti, David Kirchner, Thomas Barlett, Santi Gulotta, James Lecakes, David Ball, Horace Tatspaugh.
FRONT ROW: Frank Smith, Phyllis Bradley, Kathryn Moesley, Harley Conklin, Joseph Rueger, Janet Markham, Leslie Gibbs, Rona Sande, Adviser Howard Hennigar.



SENIOR PLAY CAST

TOP ROW: Leonard Stewart, David Kirchner, Harley Conklin, Santi Gulotta, Joe Reuger, James Lecakes.
BOTTOM ROW: Claire Warner, Priscilla Hall, Director Theodore Williams, Janet Markham, Elaine MacKenzie.

STUDENT COUNCIL

At the first meeting of the Student Council, Joe Rueger was elected President; Harley Conklin, Vice-President; and Janet Markham, Secretary-Treasurer.

As it does every year, the Student Council sponsored the Freshman Reception. This affair was a big success with one hundred fifty students and friends enjoying a dance to Pop Smith's Orchestra.

Along with its other duties, the Student Council introduced several new ideas to the school. Among this group is the new system of demerits, the suggestion box, and a Chess and Checker Club. Also, two members were elected to see that the school news is sent to the newspapers every Monday.

As time goes on, the Student Council intends to accomplish bigger and better things.

SENIOR PLAY

This year the Senior Class presented a highly amusing three-act comedy, "The Absent-Minded Bridegroom", by Larry E. Johnson

It was the story of the middle-aged widower who tried to balk when his daughter arranged his marriage to a widow so that she in turn could marry the widow's son, Tim. The bridegroom feigned amnesia to avoid being led to the church and almost ended up in the county jail instead.

The play was given in the high school auditorium on May 4, 5 and 6 before capacity audiences.

The Cast of Characters

Tim Shea	The bridegroom	David Kirchner
Pat Rooney	His friend	Leonard Stewart
Jimmie Rooney	"Daphnay's" son	Harley Conklin
Fred Grady	His friend	Santi Gulotta
Slate	A detective	James Lecakes
"Daphnay Rooney"	The bride	Claire Warner
Nora Shea	Tim's daughter	Janet Markham
Kathleen O'Connor	His friend	Priscilla Hall
Tessie Connors	The maid	Shirley Curtiss
Yonnie	()	Rona Sande
Yennie	(The small children)	Tom Armstrong
Zaney	()	Leslie Gibbs

THE STAFF

Stage Manager	Joseph Rueger
Props	John Somes
Prompters	James Carter and Elaine MacKenzie
Call Girl	Shirley Golden
Costumes	Eleanor Holcomb and Isabel Gilligan



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: Left to Right: Manager Harley Conklin, Donald Orcutt, William Rice, Richard Boardman, Lewis Rote, John Bachetti, Joseph Rueger, Coach Hennigar.
FRONT ROW: Leonard Stewart, James Lecakes, David Kirchner, Santi Gulotta, Ransler Bartholomew.



JUNIOR VARSITY

BACK ROW: Robert Golden, Barker Buckingham, Richard Boardman, William Rice, Thomas Bartlett, Coach Howard Hennigar.
FRONT ROW: Austin Somes, John Bachetti, John Whalen, Frank Bachetti, Robert Curtiss.



BASEBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Ransler Bartholomew, Donald Orcutt, Lewis Rote, Barker Buckingham, Richard Boardman, Thomas Barlett, Joe Rueger, John Bachetti, Alan Gould.
CENTER ROW: Manager James Carter, John Whalen, Coach Theodore Williams, Austin Somes, Assistant Manager Russell Upton.
FRONT ROW: Frank Franklin, David Ball, Leonard Stewart, George Bagnaschi.



CHEERLEADERS

BACK ROW: Claire Pezzatti, Coach Rita Hannigan, Elaine MacKenzie.
FRONT ROW: Roma Weser, Priscilla Hall, Claire Warner, Lovina Bradley, Anita Charbonneau.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Leslie Gibbs, Rose Zamperini, Minnie Johnson, Caroline Golden, Janet Markham, Laura Straleau, Eleanor Holcomb.
 CENTER ROW: Shirley Golden, Kathryn Moesley, Assistant Manager-Cornelia Croslear; Manager-Claire Warner, Shirley Curtiss, Phyllis Armstrong, Coach-Norma Falver.
 FRONT ROW: Anna Pezze, Lovina Bradley, Patricia Whalen.

BASEBALL

In April, twenty-three candidates reported to Coach T. R. Williams, and after several weeks of practice the varsity squad was cut to fifteen.

Although three of the regulars were lost from last year's team, the prospects of a successful season are excellent.

The Class of 1949 has not gone in for baseball as enthusiastically as for basketball. The team will only lose Santi Gulotta in the outfield, and Joseph Rueger, catcher and first baseman, when the present Seniors receive their diplomas in June.

The Schedule

Amenia	at	Amenia N. Y.
Berkshire Industrial	at	Canaan N. Y.
New Marlborough	at	Sheffield
Berkshire School (second)	at	Berkshire School
Amenia	at	Sheffield
Berkshire School (second)	at	Sheffield
Berkshire Industrial	at	Sheffield
New Marlborough	at	Mill River

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The Sheffield Girls finished the season this year in first place with nine victories and one defeat.

We also played one non-league game with the Alumni which ended with the high school victorious.

Next year will find the basketball team minus four guards -- Shirley Curtiss, Shirley Golden, Janet Markham, and Eleanor Holcomb.

We have acquired this goal only through the excellent coaching of Mrs. Robert Faivre.

We wish to thank the boys' basketball team for the use of their jackets; the Boy Scouts for the use of their room; the town clerk for the use of his room, and Mr. McCann for being our competent timekeeper.

We also want to express our gratitude to the students and faculty of S.H.S. who were behind us all the way.

Season's Basketball Records

Sheffield	29	Alumni	18
"	43	Searles	26
"	34	Chester	14
"	27	Williams	21
"	40	Lee	41
"	43	New Marlboro	15
"	26	Lee	23
"	30	Searles	21
"	35	Williams	15
"		Chester	
"		New Marlboro	

Members of the Team

Kathryn Moesley - Forward	Janet Markham - Guard
Patricia Whalen - "	Laura Straleau - "
Anna Pezze - "	Joyce Funk - "
Phyllis Armstrong - "	Rose Zamperini - "
Carolyn Golden - "	Lovina Bradley - "
Minnie Johnson - "	Eleanor Holcomb - "
Shirley Curtiss - Guard	Leslie Gibbs - "
Shirley Golden - "	Claire Warner - Manager
Cornelia Crosler - Assistant Manager	

BOYS' BASKETBALL

At the windup of the basketball season this year our boys came through with eight victories and twelve hard fought losses.

Along with the fun and enjoyment of playing basketball, the boys had the honor of gaining the first league victory for their high school by defeating Chester High 17-15.

We are sure that we can speak for the entire team in saying that we deeply appreciated the support given by the townspeople and students; we also wish to thank Coach Hennigar for the long hours spent with us and the interest shown by him towards each individual. We would like to bring out the point that, through his driving encouragement we were able to turn possible defeats into victories.

The following boys will be lost by graduation: James Lecakes, Dave Kirchner, Santi Gulotta, and Len Stewart.

SEASON'S BASKETBALL RECORD

Berkshire Industrial	17	Sheffield	41
Mill River	13	"	26
Searles	41	"	19
Canaan C.Y.O.	28	"	32
Lenox	32	"	19
Alumni	13	"	34
Huntington	22	"	24
Amenia	29	"	11
Chester	15	"	17
Williams	44	"	25
Huntington	41	"	34
Lee	65	"	17
Lenox	41	"	17
Searles	43	"	21
Berkshire Industrial	28	"	37
Williams	41	"	30
Amenia	60	"	30
Chester	30	"	22
Mill River	11	"	46
Lee	<u>62</u>	"	<u>21</u>
Total	676	Total	472

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Sheffield High School

June 10, 1949

Processional (Audience Standing)	
Invocation	Father O'Day
Salutatory Address	Janet Markham
Song-Ave Maria.	Back-Gounod
	Girls' Glee Club
Valedictory Address	John Somes
Selections.	By Orchestra
Address to the Graduates.	
Song-There's Music in the Air.	George F. Root
	Girls' Glee Club
Presentations of P.T.A. Awards	Roger Drury
Presentation of Scholastic Awards	Howard V. Hennigar, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	John Somes, Superintendent of Schools
Song-Lullaby.	Brahms
	Girls' Glee Club
Benediction.	Father O'Day
Recessional (Audience please remain seated)	

SALUTATORY ADDRESS

Members of the faculty, parents, classmates, and friends:

I am honored tonight, as Salutatorian of the Class of 1949, to extend a most sincere "Welcome" to you all.

In a few moments we will receive the award for which we have been struggling twelve years. In a large sense we owe you for our diplomas. For though it took our mental abilities, it also took your co-operation to make possible this occasion. From the time we entered first grade, we have been encouraged onward by you. Graduation was our dream then; tonight it is reality.

Yes, then our knowledge was but a small stream. This stream wended a course through the fields and mountains of grades one through six. Then as all streams do, it entered a wider course, that of a river. This river passed under the seventh and eighth bridges, and during this time increasing knowledge raised its depths and swelled its banks. Soon we found our river was widening, and also it seemed as though it were traveling faster than before.

Through a period of time our intelligence, this widened river, was increased yet again; for we realized that the schooling which we had obtained thus far would be the foundation for our future lives. It has established within us an appreciation of our country, high ideals, co-operation with our fellow men, sportsmanship, obedience and respect for many of the finer arts, such as good literature and music.

To happily exist in the world all of these are necessary tools which one should possess.

At last the swollen river emptied into the bottom of the vast ocean of knowledge, where it is perhaps insignificant to many, but will still continue to raise the quality of its waters. We are grateful for the many pebbles of knowledge already acquired and the sands of wisdom gathered. Now we are prepared for the various places to be filled in the world. We have but to choose one, and in this occupation our education will continue, for in applying what we have learned, we know we will gain much from practical experience.

In closing I would like to say to the underclassmen that though this is a big moment for us, we still think of how we'll miss being with you again next fall. We have enjoyed your companionship through the past years, and wish you the best of luck in your undertakings of the future.

We hope that, no matter where fate may spread us, each of us, wherever he may be, will always remember our Alma Mater and the many familiar faces we see here tonight.

I, representing the Class of 1949, bid you a most hearty "Welcome".

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Parents, Teachers, Friends:

As valedictorian of this graduating class, my task is a difficult one. It is my duty, on behalf of the Graduating Class of 1949, to bid you farewell.

We have now arrived at an important point on our lives. Tonight we shall leave Sheffield High and take our place in the life of the outside world. This life which we are now entering will be entirely different from that to which we have become accustomed. Previously, we have had the guidance of parents and teachers to lead us along the path of life. Now, however, we will be on our own, the only guides being the education and training which we have already received and the experience which we have gained.

As we continue along the path of life, we shall find that there is much in this world to be done and many obstacles to be overcome. We shall frequently be reminded of our class motto: "We came, we saw, we overcame", and we shall remember the obstacles which we overcame during our school life, and the knowledge and experience we gained thereby.

As we now look ahead, our future seems hazy and dim. Although the future is indefinite, we can perceive that there is much in this world still to be done, many obstacles still to be conquered. We can see many obstacles standing in the way of world peace still to be removed, diseases yet to be conquered, and numerous improvements in all branches of life to be made. Although none of us expects to conquer the world, we all know that there is a place in this world for each of us. There is a job, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, for it is not so much what we do, but how we do it, that counts.

No matter where we are or what we do later, we shall always remember the experience which we gained here. For, although we leave Sheffield High tonight, we shall never forget it, or those who helped to make our education there a success.

As we now prepare to assume our place in the outside world, we must bid you farewell, but we shall never forget you nor that which you have done for us here at Sheffield.

John D. Some

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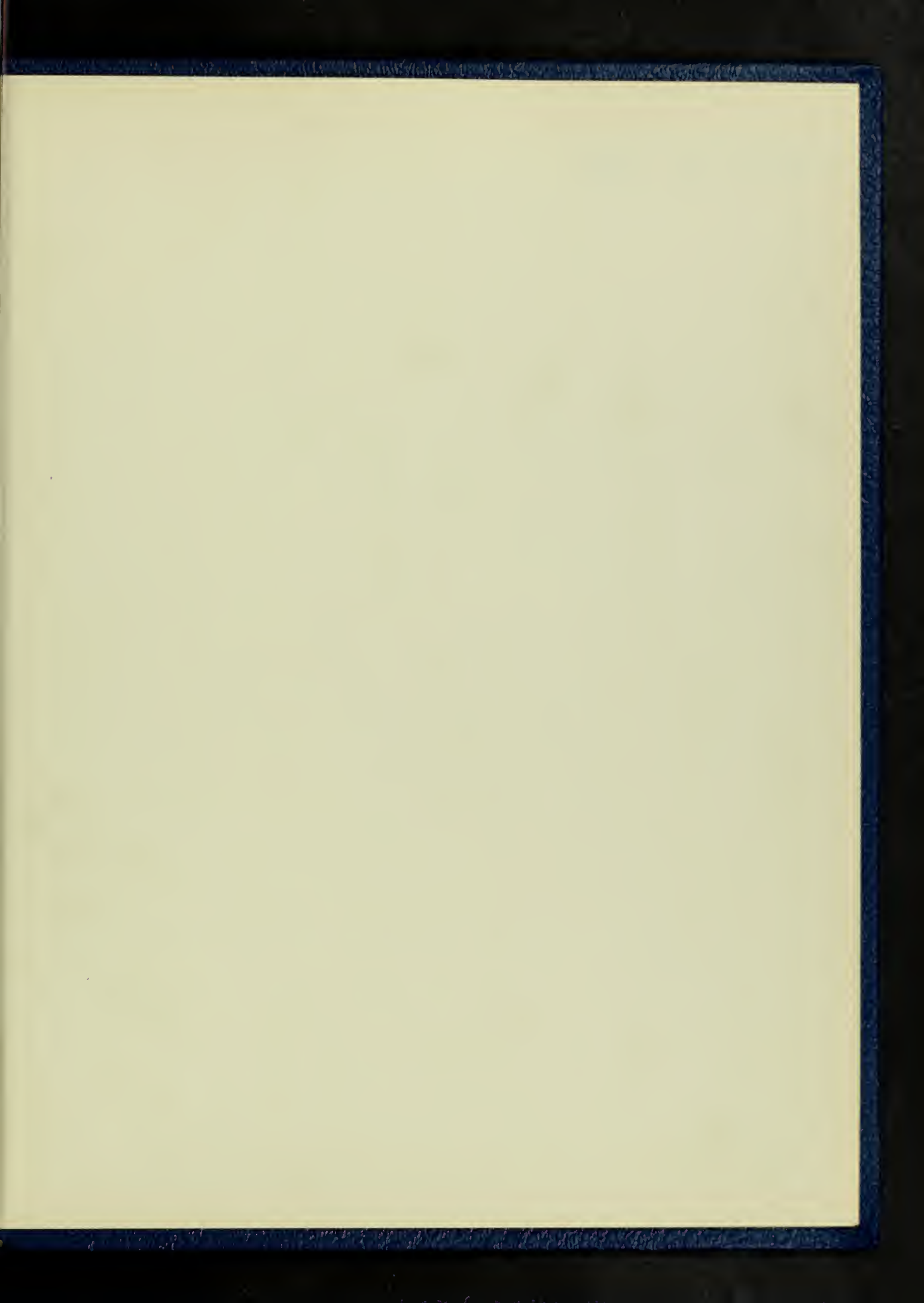
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